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# WHOLESALE PRICES

## MING TREE MATERIALS

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Effective : 1952

PERUVIAN MOSS ,	Grade A, Cleaned, Natural, Best Quality.....	\$ 1.25 per lb.
PERUVIAN MOSS ,	Grade A, Un-cleaned, Natural, Best Quality.....	.65 ' '
PERUVIAN MOSS ,	Grade B, Cleaned, Natural, for dye purposes.....	.65 ' '
PERUVIAN MOSS ,	Colored, Dip Dyed, Fast Colors in CHINESE RED, YELLOW, FOREST GREEN (dark), CHARTRUSE GREEN (light).....	1.70 ' '

OAK LICHEN MOSS, Less than pound lots.....	.35 per oz.
OAK LICHEN MOSS, Pound lots or more.....	4.00 per lb.

MANZANITA ,	Regular Type, Small Sizes.....	.25 per ea.
MANZANITA ,	Regular Type, Medium to Large Sizes.....	.40 ' '
MANZANITA ,	Regular Type, Miniatures.....	.08 ' '
MANZANITA ,	IVORY White , Small Sizes.....	.40 ' '
MANZANITA ,	IVORY White , Medium to Large sizes.....	.60 ' '

STARTER ORDER , Enough materials to assemble 5 good sized MING TREES,  
consisting of the materials listed above.....ONLY \$ 10.00 COMPLETE ASSORTMENT

PROFESSIONAL ORDER, Enough materials to assemble 15 good sized MING  
TREES, consisting of the above materials, ONLY \$ 25.00 COMPLETE ASSORTMENT

MINIMUM ORDER  
\$ 10.00

### HOW TO ORDER & OUR TERMS

SPECIAL OFFER  
ON PURCHASES OF \$ 40.00 OR MORE  
WITH EACH ORDER, WE GIVE 10 %  
EXTRA MATERIAL WITH EACH SHIPMENT  
AT NO EXTRA COST.....

For simple and accurate ordering, please use our SIMPLIFIED ORDER FORMS, that are supplied with each price list and with invoices. If more order forms are desired, they can be had on request.

All shipments are made via 2nd, Class, RAILWAY EXPRESS, express charges collect. Due to the new Parcel Post restrictions on weight and size of parcels, we find Parcel Post to be impracticable to ship these materials and also more costly. Only small quantities of Moss can be shipped via mail. Customers wanting Parcel Post Shipments must send a sufficient amount for postage. Truck Freight shipments can be made only when full amount of order is sent in advance.

Our terms are STRICTLY CASH (check or money order accepted). A 25% deposit must be included with each order, balance of which will be shipped C.O.D. Customers sending the full amount of order, may discount 2%. Our unusually LOW PRICES cannot permit us to sell on credit... ALL PRICES ARE QUOTED F.O.B. RENO, NEVADA. Prices are subject to change without prior notice.

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THE WORLD'S LARGEST MING TREE SUPPLY HOUSE

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LIMB TYPE DRIFTWOOD



STUMP TYPE DRIFTWOOD



ROOT TYPE DRIFTWOOD



# THE ART OF DRIFTWOOD

## & LIVE PLANT ARRANGEMENTS

The art of Driftwood and Live Plant Arrangements, is a delicate, lovely and fascinating art. Since the advent of television and of the modern home furnishing trends, this type of creation has become very popular in the American home. It is truly decorative and colorful, giving fresh emphasis to all surroundings.

### HOW TO ARRANGE

This artistic creation is real simple to design, it may include one or more pieces of Driftwood, an assortment of Live Plants and Climbing Vines. The plants may be anything from Cactus, Succulents to leaf types of plants, even flowers. Vines of Ivy and Philodendron can be added for greater beauty. When using the Vine type of growth, allow it to entwine itself around the Driftwood. Accessory materials can also be used such as Figurines, Crushed Granite, Pearl Chips, Lava Rock, Stones and Pebbles, all of which can be incorporated nicely into the arrangement. Try to make it as colorful as possible.

### WHAT IS DRIFTWOOD

Driftwood is any portion of Roots, Branches, Tree Trunks and old Timber, that has been weathered by the elements thru the years. Driftwood does not always indicate it comes of a water derivative, it can be any piece of wood that has been bleached by nature's own handiwork. The types of Driftwood we supply comes from the Western Deserts, The High Sierra's, The rushing mountain streams and from beneath the heavy snows. The Winds and the Rains in eons of time, formed these lovely natural freaks into enchanting and colorful works of natural art. The types we supply are ideally suited for Dish Gardens, Floral Centerpieces, Wall pieces, Lamp Bases and Shadow Boxes, other uses are numerous.

DRIFTWOOD IS SOLD BY WEIGHT IN A MULTITUDE OF TYPES, STYLES AND SIZES. EACH ASSORTMENT IS A TREASURE IN THE REALM OF NATURE.

PRICE 50 ¢ per pound.

MINIMUM ORDER 20 POUNDS.

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# — Exriting ☆ Treasures ☆ IN Driftwood

DRIFTWOOD!!!

THE LATEST FASHION OF FLORAL ART  
MODERN, EXOTIC, LOVELY.

DRIFTWOOD, IS THE PRODUCT OF MOTHER NATURE, FORMED AND SHADED BY THE WINDS, THE RAINS AND THE SNOWS. DRIFTWOOD IS THAT WOOD THAT IS WEATHERED BY THE ELEMENTS AND FOUND IN THE SEAS, THE DESERTS, THE RIVERS, THE STREAMS AND IN THE MOUNTAINS....WE SUPPLY DRIFTWOOD FROM THE SIERRA NEVADA MOUNTAINS AND THE WESTERN DESERTS....

DRIFTWOOD ARRANGEMENTS IS THE LATEST FASHION IN THE MODERN HOME. IT IS USED IN FLORAL CENTERPIECES, DISH GARDENS, FOR LAMPS, AND SHADOW BOX ART...OTHER USES ARE NUMEROUS....DRIFTWOOD CAN BE USED WITH LIVE PLANT ARRANGEMENTS OR WITH DRY ARRANGEMENTS OR JUST BY ITSELF. IT IS TRULY A WORK OF ART IN ITSELF, NATURES HANDIWORK HAS BLEACHED THIS ODDITTY INTO GREY WHITE COLORS AND INTERSPERSED WITH TANS AND BROWNS IN RUSTIC TEXTURES AND HUES.

THE POPULARITY OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN GROWING AT AN ASTONISHING RATE IN RECENT MONTHS AND ESPECIALLY WITH THE ADVENT OF TELEVISION...ITS USE IN THE CLASSROOM AND WITH EXPONENTS OF MODERN ART IS GREAT, DRIED DRIFTWOOD ARRANGEMENTS LENDS EFFECTIVE SATIRE TO HALF ABSTRACT AND HALF LIVE ART.

The **TREASURE CHEST ASSORTMENT** includes..

20 pounds of assorted pieces of DESERT, MOUNTAIN and RIVER DRIFTWOOD.....There are approximately 25 different types and styles of these beautiful and enchanting pieces, each a masterpiece in its own right.....

PRICE OF COMPLETE ASSORTMENT

\$ 10.00 f.o.b. Reno

sold in bulk for 50¢ per pound up to 100 pound quantities, over 100 pound orders price is subject to a 10 percent discount.  
MINIMUM ORDER 20 POUNDS

## NOTE OF INTEREST:

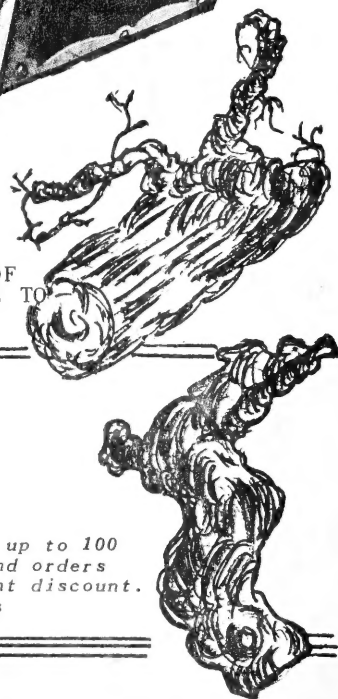
For those who are interested in the design of dried driftwood arrangements, a book can be obtained on this subject titled, "THE ART OF DRIFTWOOD AND DRIED ARRANGEMENTS", by TATSUO ISHIMOTO. CROWN PUBLISHERS, N.Y. N.Y. Price \$ 2.95

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# ★ ★ ★ SPECIAL MATERIALS ★ ★ ★

When ordering any of the materials listed below, please combine your orders so that at least \$ 10.00 worth is purchased at one time, for other materials please refer to our price list on Ming Tree Supplies.

## PICTURE & DISPLAY MANZANITA



This Manzanita is strictly what the above title implies, it is beautiful beyond discription, truly a natural work of art and rare among family of Manzanita. There are no large quantities of this species avialiable as it is very difficult to find, therefore we can not always supply it in any large amounts....

Each piece varys in size and shape, the average is approximately 2 to 2½ feet high and sometimes higher and from 2 to 3 feet wide. They usually have a heavy trunk and very gnarled throughout. The grain of the wood is usually Half Grey and Half Red..... IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO DISCRIBE IT'S MAJESTIC BEAUTY IN MERE WORDS, IT HAS TO BE SEEN TO BE FULLY APPRECIATED.

For WINDOW DISPLAYS, LARGE PICTURE WINDOWS IN THE HOME, LARGE FLORAL CENTERPIECES, WALL DECORATIONS & FLOWER SHOWS.

PRICE EACH

\$ 3.50

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## MANZANITA LAMP BASES

These lovely bases is the trunk part of the manzanita and comes in heavy stock. It is from two to six inches in thickness and approximately a foot high. The wood is usually of a half and half mixture, Half Red and half Grey and very twisted and gnarled.....

This is truly a collectors item, they make up into beautiful lamps and any other type of artistic and rustic fixtures for the home. They are also used for jewelry displays.



PRICE EACH \$ 1.00

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## TREE ROOTS



Tree Roots are used in various ways, for Dish Gardens, Ming Trees, Shadow Boxes and Floral Centerpieces....They are devoid of branches and very twisting, some varieties have little sprigs protruding from the main stems and are oddly shaped...These usually measure about one to three inches in thickness and the lengths can be anything.....

PRICE EACH 75¢

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# MING TREE KIT

## INSTRUCTIONS

Before attempting to assemble the MING TREE, lay out all materials before starting, this being done, then proceed with each of the steps shown in the following instructions. No experience is necessary to create a beautiful and exotic tree. WE MAKE IT SIMPLE for the builder by selecting only the most ideal materials for the assembly.

### STEP No. 1

Select most desired position for MANZANITA LIMB. Saw base of limb so as to secure a good even fit with the bottom of the bowl. STUDY CAREFULLY THE DESIRED ANGLE HOW YOU WANT TREE TO SIT. Try to reach a swaying attitude for an angle, as tho the winds have formed a definite direction. (picture the wind swept tree's on the ocean shores)



### STEP No. 2

In this phase the builder mixes plaster. Open the bag containing the colored CASTING PLASTER and place content in bowl, begin to add water slowly while mixing plaster with water until a molasses like consistency has been reached. Hold tree limb in desired position and pour wet plaster around trunk. BE SURE TO HOLD LIMB STEADY UNTIL PLASTER SETS, this usually takes about 3 minutes.



### STEP No. 3

After the plaster has hardened, then proceed with putting PERUVIAN MOSS on tree branches, (larger clusters on lower part of tree and small clusters on upper part) Moss can either be put on with wire or by drilling hole and inserting stem of moss into drilled hole. LAY MOSS FLAT AND EACH PIECE HAVING THE SAME HORIZONTAL ATTITUDE.



### STEP No. 4

This step is the finishing stage and where fine retouching should take place. Cover all exposed wiring or drill holes with LICHEN MOSS. Merely glue the LICHEN over the exposed area's. Add Lichen to bare spots on branches for the natural look. Shaltec plaster base with several coats then sprinkle sand over the still wet shaltec in a series of pathways.

Use decorative Rocks for added scenery, shaltec rocks to bring out nature's vivid colors. If a figurine is used, place it at lowest branch.



## PERTINENT FACTS ABOUT PERUVIAN MOSS

The following information is based upon years of experience in dealing with this unusual floral growth, we feel qualified to make this analysis;-

Peruvian Moss, is NOT a cultivated growth, it grows wild in barren regions of the west, it is classified as a plant and grows flat against the ground surface. There is no definite pattern in the manner of where it grows or how. There are no two plants alike or no two sizes the same, each will vary somewhat as is the habit of nature. The area's where this moss grows, is not in any abundance and for the most part, hard to find. Some area's produce the close-knit, heavy type of moss and other area's produce the loose-knit, lightweight moss-----it is not too often when an area can be found that produces both, the tight knit and lightweight moss combination.

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### HERE ARE SOME OF THE REASONS WHY PERUVIAN MOSS VARIES IN QUALITY FROM TIME TO TIME

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(a) The growing season for this moss begins in the early spring time of the year and lasts thru about the end of June. During this period, the moss is in a semi-moist state and is subject to loss of weight during the time the shipment is in transit as a result of drying and evaporation, this is about 4%. During the growing season, the leaf on the plant will get somewhat long, but will shrink after drying. The most ideal time of the year to gather this material is during the fall and early winter, it is then that the moss has received it's full growth and is bleached out to a nice white color, the leaf has also shrunk to its normal size. During the mid-winter months and before the growing season begins, the quality is not as good as it is at the end of the growing season.

(b) The size of an area where the moss grows is generally not extensive, usually a crew of four men can clean it out within a weeks time, it therefore becomes necessary to move on to other area's which are hard to find. Each area presents it's different problems, both from accessability and quality of moss and also type of moss. The type of moss gathered in another area in the past week is usually different from the moss gathered in the new area the following week, however suitable for Ming Tree use.

(c) There are no two sizes of moss alike, each piece of moss will vary in thickness and size. It grows anywhere from two inches to two feet in diameter, it is almost an impossibility to gather moss all in one size. We endeavor not to gather moss that is too thick or too large or too loose in variety. In the winter months when the snow is on the ground, we have little choice and have to gather what is avialable. It is not always possible or practical to give a customer exactly what they ask for, nor is it possible to consistingly supply the same variety of moss and quality of moss, but we do ship the best that is avialable at the time and that moss, that has the least amount of waste in it, we know we are in a better position than others, to supply you with the best quality merchandise, for the longest period of time

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### C A T A G O R I E S

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- GRADE A CLEANED MOSS, is of Natural color, it is cleaned and dressed and is the best quality avialable for that time of the year and season.
- GRADE B CLEANED MOSS, is of Natural color, it is cleaned and dressed, but is of second - grade moss, compared to that of Grade A, it is that portion of moss that can not meet the best standards, it is suitable for dye purposes

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